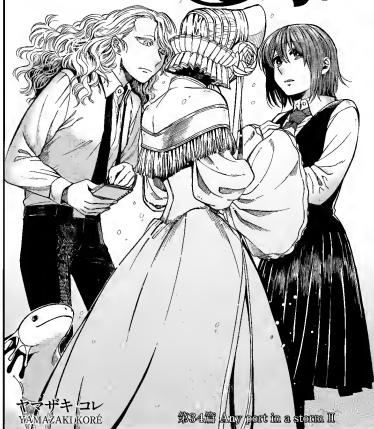


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The Ancient Magus' Bride



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YAMAZAKI KORÉ

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Were it
only so
easy for
the rest
of us.

I remade
myself
entirely,
from the
ground up.
Since people
have certain
expectations
of how I
should look,
you know.

Of course
you're right,
which is
why I used
neither.



Glimours
should be im-
possible to use in the
auction house,
by wizardry or
by magiccraft.

We meet again,
Ms. Chise.



things could
turn out poorly
for all parties
involved.

If I were
to become
too familiar
with non-
regulars,



I'll pretend
I never heard
your names.



That's not
my face,
and it's not
Simon's, either.
Whose could
it be?



Oh,
then,

we could
add these...

If you have
anything you
want to put up
for auction,
I'll take them
for you.



Oh my.

...These are
quite nice. I'm
sure they'll
fetch a good
price.

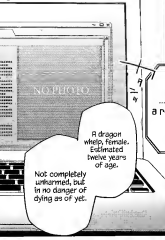


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The Wizard's Bride







...Ah, a result.





If you want to buy it, you can bid for it at the auction, or pay the buyout price.

Once something is registered for the auction it becomes a valid item, regardless of what it is or how it was acquired.

I'm afraid not.



Just as Mr. Ainsworth did when he purchased you.



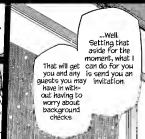
I know, but this is something I have to do.



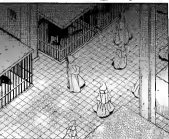
...Is there any reason you're in the market for dragons?

I want to return them to their homes.

If you don't mind me saying, that sounds like it would be difficult at best!









Do you
have the
sight?

Again,
tempting.
But I'll have
to pass.

You can use
our intermediary
services if you
wish. Would you
like one of our
cards?



*I find that
my talents
are more
profitable
put to work
here.*



Mr.
Chise.

Here.

?

Whoa

Now there
goes a
free spirit...

A born
auctioneer,
eh, Pity!





Especially
the parts that
matter most.

In some ways,
I'm the same
in others.

You've gotten
taller, but
that's not all.
You're a
different
person.



You're still
stubborn, I see.
For better
or worse.



*You've
changed,
haven't
you.*



Hmm?

It's
nothing.

She's got
quite the
sharp tongue,
and she refuses
to listen to
anything
you say...



You reminded me
of some friends
I made not too
long ago.



My younger
sister is just
as bullheaded.
I wonder if
that's just how
girls are.

Your
sister?

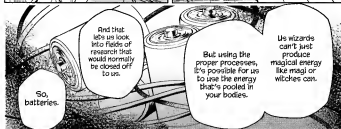




They use
you as living
batteries.

...Drained?

These days,
most Slay Vega
find themselves
drained dry long
before they
reach your
age.

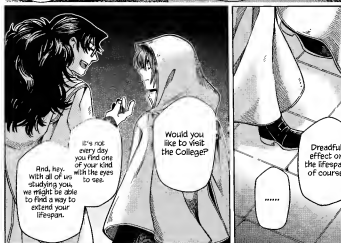


So,
batteries.

And that
lets us look
into fields of
research that
would normally
be closed off
to us.

But using the
proper processes,
it's possible for us
to use the energy
that's pooled in
your bodies.

We wizards
can't just
produce
magical energy
like magi or
witches can.



And, hey.
With all of us
studying you,
we might be able
to find a way to
extend your
lifespan.

It's not
every day
you find one
of your kind
with the eyes
to see.

would you
like to visit
the College?

Dreadful
effect on
the lifespan,
of course.





If you've got something to say, you should say it.

There's no way for me to tell what it is, otherwise.



...You haven't told her about the College.



She would never go, so there was no need to even broach the subject.



I'm sure you already know what it is.

Your glaring certainly isn't very subtle.



You were the one who broke them.

They broke, and I returned them to the earth.

You can't kill what's already dead. I know your kind use corpses.

Why did you kill the constructs we sent?









She's mine.

And that's
what she
wants, too.



We'll see
how long that
want lasts.
People change.

...Whether
you want
them to
or not.

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The Eldest Prince Bride





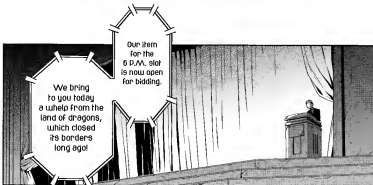
I'm the one
who decides
what comes of
where my feet
take me.



And you.
Are you
walking
your own
path?



...Ah,
youth.



Our item
for the
6 P.M. slot
is now open
for bidding.

We bring
to you today
a whelp from the
land of dragons,
which closed
its borders
long ago!



....!

The bidding
begins
at eight
hundred
thousand!



I under-
stand.

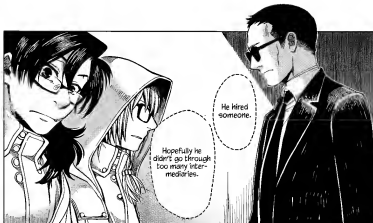
I don't
have any use
for the money
I've got, so
I can use
it all.

Who
put her
up for
sale?

Over
there.

The College
can cover up
to a million
and a half if
we really
force it.

But any-
thing more
than that—



He hired someone.

Hopefully he didn't go through too many intermediaries.



Even the most unscrupulous wizards don't have much money about them.

Many of these people are bidding as individuals.

For more important items, it's common for many people to pool their funds and make their bid as a group.



The bidding isn't as fierce as it was back when I was there.

Of course. I'm the one who drove up the price back then.



...I'm not sure I needed to hear that.

What? It's just like talking about pigs or chickens.

Besides, in this day and age, even dragon cells can be cultured and preserved frozen to an extent.

Even considering the high demand, they're bound to sell a little cheaper than you did.







It doesn't seem like you want to use that dragon for anything.



interests?



call me someone who shares your interests.



but i'm sure a significant portion of the nobles would like nothing more than to flay the scales from that whelp's skin, drain its blood, and set about carving at its flesh with a sharp scalpel.

I can't speak for everyone here,



...What do you want?

smart girl.



It so happens that I've got nine hundred thousand on me.

it's not much, but if you'd like to pool funds, I'm willing.



"A little"?

Don't worry,
that won't kill it.
Dragons are
made of sterner
stuff than
that.

I need a
little blood
from a living
specimen for
an elixir I'm
making.

It's not
much, just
a liter
or so.



What
do you
say?

Just
some
blood,
and I'll
put up
everything
I have.



...If the bidding
goes over what
I can afford,
then please.

Otherwise,
I'll make do
without.




Shame
we couldn't
have this in
writing.

魔法使いの嫁

The Witch's Bride





鏡壳の終盤——突然の轟音は一体…!? 続きは「発売号」にて。